

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 18, 2010 has been carefully studied. The following paragraphs correspond to the order therein:

Information Disclosure Statement

Enclosed is a new Information Disclosure Statement and the legible copy of each foreign patent document along with corresponding U.S. references, namely U.S. 6,359,186 which corresponds to French 2,782,714; U.S. 6,448,457 which corresponds to French 2,792,632 and U.S. 5,922,924 and U.S. 5,629,467 which correspond to EP 0531191. The International Agency gave an opinion that the references do not suggest the claimed invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 112

The claims are amended to avoid the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, as follows:

1. In claim 1, line 3 after "adsorption", the following is inserted --comprising contacting said feed with an adsorbent--.
2. In claim 2, the expression "between the adsorption step and the isomerization steps" is cancelled.
3. In claim 3, the term "said" is provided before the expressions "extract", "intermediate raffinate" and "2-raffinate".
4. In claim 5, the expression "the first isomerization zone" is changed to --a first isomerization zone--.
5. Claim 6 likewise changes "the" to --a--.
6. Claim 15 now has antecedent basis for "the catalyst" in claim 1 in view of the introduction of "a catalyst" in claim 1. The term "gas phase" is changed to --vapour-- in order to be consistent with the terminology in claim 1.
7. Finally, it is seen that claim 17 is amended by canceling the expression "use of" and inserting --Conducting--.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above explanations and the submission

of a new Information Disclosure Statement, it appears that the application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any unforeseen problems, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone Counsel at the number indicated below. If Counsel is unavailable, please contact Ms. Richardson at 703-812-5326, and she will be pleased to enlist the services of another attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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